month per family. Accommodation with free water, electricity and medical facilities are also being provided in Delhi.

The Government of Haryana have issued temporary ration cards to such families to avail of essential commodities at concessional rates and have also provided free educational facilities to the children of such families upto degree level.

Uniform accounting year for Assessees

1086. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the Advisory Committee has urged the Central Government to reduce significantly the number of tax incentives and concessions available under various heads and also for the introduction of a uniform accounting year for all assessees and for an enlargement of the scope of tax deduction at source; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Direct Taxes Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 8-9-1987 at New Delhi, *inter-alia*, made the following suggestions in respect of widening of the tax base and simplifying tax laws :

(i) There should be a uniform accounting year for all assessees;

(ii) There should be significant reduction in number of tax incentives and concessions; and

(iii) The area of tax deduction at source should be enlarged.

Donations from Foreign Countries to Different Organisations

1087. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any law or regulations in force to check and control the flow of donations from foreign countries to different organisations in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to channelise the flow of such donation through Governmental agencies only; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) One of the Acts is Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 which regulates *inter alia* the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution by certain types of associations.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to channelise foreign contribution to associations covered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, through Governmental Agencies as it involves practical difficulties.

Evasion of Customs Duty by Indian Express Group of Newspapers

1088. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has filed complaint against the Indian Express Group of newspapers under the Customs Act; and

(b) what is the total amount of evasion of customs duty by the Indian Express Group of newspapers for which the complaint was lodged, with details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has filed three criminal complaints in the Jurisdictional Courts at Madras, New Delhi and Bombay, against the Indian Express Group under the Customs Act, on the following dates at Madras on 16-10-87 alleging evasion of